

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action requested Applicants to resubmit copies of the non-patent literature references identified in the information disclosure statement submitted on 25 February 2003 ("February IDS"); and rejected claims 18 – 22 and 25 - 37 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable under United States Patent No. 6,524,626 to Chen ("Chen"). Claims 18 – 22 and 25 - 37 remain pending in this application after entry of this response.

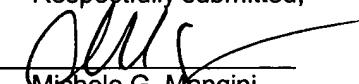
As requested in the Office Action, Applicants filed copies of the non-patent literature references along with additional references in an information disclosure statement that was hand delivered to the Examiner earlier this month. In that information disclosure statement, Applicants respectfully requested the Examiner to provide Applicants with a revised, initialed pages 5 – 7 of the Form 1449 that was initially filed on 4 March 2003 in order to indicate that copies of all cited references were received and reviewed. Applicants wish to point out that those pages 5 – 7 of the Form 1449 (copies attached) were part of the February IDS, and not an information disclosure statement filed in March 2003.

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview granted on 6 May 2003 ("Interview"). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18 – 22 and 25 - 37 are now allowable for reasons discussed in the Interview, and further request that the rejection of claims 18 – 22 and 25 - 37 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable under Chen be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the case in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Pages 5 – 7 of Form 1449 from February IDS